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MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government maintain any statistics on beedi industry in the State;

(b) if so, how many concerns are functioning in the State now; and

(c) whether the Government have given any aid or loan so far to improve the beedi industry and the condition of the beedi workers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Statistics of industrial concerns including beedi industry which come within the purview of Factories Act, 1948, are maintained by the Chief Inspector of Factories.

" (b) There were 380 beedi factories in the State as on 30th June 1954.

" (c) No, Sir."

Lower Bhavani Project

* 768 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of fines collected from the agriculturists in Lower Bhavani Project area of Gobichettipalayam and Erode taluks of Coimbatore district during 1954 for cultivating crops not allowed under the rules;

(b) the crops that are forbidden to be cultivated in that area; and

(c) whether the Government will allow the cultivation of paddy crops in that area?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a)

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Gobichettipalayam taluk	28,000
Erode taluk	910

" (b) The cultivation of cotton, millets, groundnut and gingelly have been allowed subject to the understanding that no water would be made available before the date when the canals will be opened for irrigation. The cultivation of tobacco, chillies, turmeric, castor, tapioca, yams and pulses have also been allowed subject to certain conditions, in the fields which have the support of wells. The cultivation of sugarcane, betels and plantains have been prohibited except in backyard cultivation of plantains and vegetables has been allowed to the extent of 10 cents for each existing well without any penalty. Further, scattered fruit trees, coconuts and plantains have also been allowed but not on a field scale.

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" (c) As regards cultivation of paddy, it has been ordered that pending localisation and zoning of ayacut in the project area, the percolation affected lands will continue to be classified as dry and appropriate water-cess and penalty as usual will be charged, if paddy is grown out of necessity, but each case will be examined and remission of penalty will be granted if it is proved that by reason of seepage, the land could not possibly have been cultivated with dry crops. This concession is also subject to certain conditions."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" கீழ் பவானி ஏரியாவில் நெல் தவிர வேறு எந்தப் பயிரும் சாகுபடி செய்வதற்கு அவ்வளவு வசதியில்லை. ஆகவே கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள், இருக்கக்கூடிய தண்ணீரை வருடத்திற்கு மூன்று தரமாக பிரித்துச் சரிவர விட்டால் எல்லா இடங்களிலும் நெல் பயிர் செய்ய முடியும். அம்மாதிரி என் செய்யக்கூடாதென்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" My impression is that people there are more anxious to grow commercial crops than paddy."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" குறிப்பிட்ட வாய்க்கால்களில் குறிப்பிட்ட அளவு நிலத்திற்கு தண்ணீர் பாய்ச்சுவதற்கு அனுமதி அளிக்கப்பட்டும் விவசாயிகளிடம் பணமின்மையாலும் சிறு தகராறுகள் காரணமாகவும் சில நிலங்கட்கு தண்ணீர் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படவில்லை. ஆனால், அவைகளில் சிறிது மழையால் விளைந்துள்ளது. அவைகளுக்கும் தண்ணீர் தீர்வை விதிக்கப்பட்டது! அவைகட்கு விதிக்கப்பட்ட தண்ணீர் தீர்வையை திருப்பித்தர சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The main question refers to the relaxation of the rule allowing certain crops only to be grown in that area. The difficulty mentioned by the hon. Member will be looked into if any specific case is brought to my notice."

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDAR :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the ryots in the lower reaches of the Lower Bhavani Canal complained that water had not reached sufficiently the tail-end of the canal and that the ryots were not able to cultivate their lands successfully owing to 'uncontrolled cultivation of paddy' in the upper reaches of the canal?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the hon. Member has taken advantage of this question to reiterate the representation he made yesterday or the day before. The present supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இப்பொழுது கலப்புப் பயிராக கம்போடுகூட கடலையையும், பயிரிட்டிருந்தால் இரண்டுக்கும் வரி வசூல் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I only mentioned the relaxation of the rule that has been allowed. As regards the point raised in the supplementary question, I should think, Sir, that cumbu is also a dry crop."

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDAR :—" By way of personal explanation, Sir. I wish to inform the House that I have not talked on this subject yesterday or the day before."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" சமீபத்தில் சர்க்கார் ஒரு உத்திரவு போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதன்படி கலப்புப் பயிர்களை தோட்டக்காலில்தான் பயிரிடவேண்டும் என்று உத்தரவு உள்ளது. அதோடு தோட்டக்கால் பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள 75 சதவிகிதமுள்ள நிலத்தில்தான் கடலை, எள்ளு போன்ற பயிர்களையும், பாசிப் பயிறு, மொச்சைப்பயிறு போன்ற பயிறு வகைகளையும் பயிரிடலாம் என்று உத்தரவுள்ளது. ஆனால், தோட்டக்கால் பிரதேசத்தில் ஈரக்கசிவு அதிகம் இருப்பதால் அப்பயிர்கள் அழிந்து விடுகின்றன. ஆகவே மேட்டுக்கால் பிரதேசங்களிலும் கலப்பு (பயிறு வகையறா) பயிர் விளைவிக்கலாமென்று உத்தரவைப் போட்டுவிடுவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Government came forward to meet certain difficulties that were pointed out. Any further difficulties arising will be gone into.

As regards the personal explanation of the hon. Member sitting behind me, I never thought, Sir, that in spite of his advanced age he will have such a short memory."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister what has happened to the question of supplying power for lifting water from the wells in the Lower Bhavani Project area? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think, Sir, the Hon. Minister for Public Works can give an accurate answer to this question. I cannot say anything definite in the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When there is a conflict between the statement made by the ex-Minister and a Minister, we wish to know which has to be believed by the House? " (Laughter.)

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDAR :—" There seems to be a confusion in the mind of the Hon. Minister because there are a number of Palanisamis in this House and I do not know which Palanisami he really means."

Tappers' co-operative societies

* 769 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any recommendation from the District Prohibition Advisory Council, Malabar, recently for the grant of some subsidy to the Tappers' co-operative societies ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?